

Washington, DC – Saturday, June 27th Congressman Harry Teague will be at the American Legion Annual New Mexico Convention in Las Cruces to promote a new law that helps businesses create jobs for New Mexico Veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. He will also kick off a series of meetings he has organized between small businesses and Veterans Service Organizations that are aimed at increasing awareness about the new provision.

“Working to secure economic independence for our Veterans returning from war is not only the right thing to do, it is a great opportunity for small businesses,” said Congressman Harry Teague a member of the House Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity. “The proven work ethic and character of the men and women who serve our country will make them some of the most productive and successful members of our workforce.”

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which Congressman Harry Teague helped pass earlier this year, expands the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, so that small businesses that hire new veterans will receive a tax break . Unfortunately, many businesses don’t know about the incentives or how to take advantage of them, and too many veterans continue to go jobless.

Veterans and small businesses that wish to learn more about the tax incentives can attend the American Legion Conference in Las Cruces on Saturday, or call the Harry Helpline at 1-888-9-TEAGUE to find out if there is a meeting in your town.

Who: Congressman Harry Teague, Local Veterans, and Small Business

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What: Announcement of “Economic Independence for New Veterans” Initiative

When: Saturday, June 27th, 2009 11:00 AM

Where: American Legion Annual Conference, Days Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla, Las Cruces